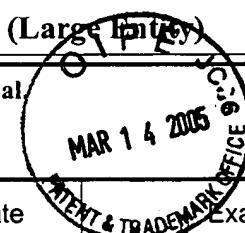


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Docket No.

112701-200

In Re Application Of: Fuchs et al.



Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
09/821,498	March 29, 2001	H. Pratt	29157	1761	5214

Invention:

**NUTRITIONAL COMPOUNDS AND METHODS OF IMPROVING PROTEIN DEPOSITION**

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of September 10, 2004 above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

from: December 10, 2004      until: March 10, 2005  
*Date*

The fee for the extension of time is \$1,020 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-1818
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 02-1818
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

Dated: March 9, 2005

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